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**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
February 11, 2010
Minutes**

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Martha Kelly, Holly Matthews, Min Lin, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Director of Finance, Cherie Trahan, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

PRESENTATION FOUR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT: Mr. Rick Lawrence, Lawrence Associates, discussed the Four Options the school building committee is researching for school renovations or building a new school. Following the presentation was a time for comments, questions, and answers.

Ms. Silver-Bernstein arrived at 7:59pm

Mrs. Paulhus arrived at 8:18pm

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mrs. Paulhus reported that EASTCONN will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary and Board Members are invited to attend.

SE PTO: Julie Brown, President, discussed the many fundraising activities and support provided to the school by this parent group.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Library Software Update – Linda Robinson, Library Media Coordinator, outlined the Follett Destiny System Rollout.
- Books and Breakfast – Ms. Robinson discussed the success of the before school program for kindergartners and parents at each elementary school
- Memorandum of Agreement Mansfield Early Childhood Blueprint – Kevin Grunwald, Director Human Services and Sandy Baxter, Early Childhood Coordinator, asked the Board to support the program. MOTION by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Ms. Patwa that by signing the Memorandum of Agreement, the Mansfield Board of Education agrees to participate in the continuation of the planning process, to assist in the collection of relevant data, and to help develop measures that will allow us all to understand if our efforts have genuinely led to improvements in the lives of young children in Mansfield. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Mathematics Curriculum – MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Matthews to adopt the revised Mathematics Curriculum. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Paulhus left at 10:20pm.

- 2010-2011 Proposed Budget – MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. Walikonis to adopt the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for 2010-2011 of \$20,588,160 representing a decrease of .04% from the adopted 2009-2010 budget.
- Proposed 2010-2011 School Calendar – MOTION by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein to adopt the proposed 2010-2011 school calendar. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Enhancing Student Achievement - Two new projects were reviewed and will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- Class Size/Enrollment - The principals noted no significant changes this month.

Four Schools Building Project Process:

- Mr. LaPlaca discussed with the Board the decision making process for the Four Schools Building Project. MOTION by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Ms. Lin to hold an additional meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- A consensus was reached on discussing the financial, facilities, and educational aspects of the project and inviting input from the teachers and administrators.

- A consensus was reached that Board Members should attend if possible and observe, but not be actively involved in the upcoming League of Women Voters/Mansfield Advocates for Children Community Forum on the Four Schools Building Project.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Kueffner, seconded Mr. Walikonis that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of February 11, 2010 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 4, 2010 Board meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Julie Ratajczak, grade three teacher at Goodwin School effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mrs. Kelly asked to discuss two budget items: Professional and Technical Services and Substitutes.

MOTION by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Ms. Patwa to adjourn at 11:09pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk